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US Navy apologizes for the 1882 obliteration of a Tlingit village in Alaska

By Mark Thiessen

Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)

— Shells fell on the Alaska Native village as winter approached, and then sailors landed and burned what was left of homes, food caches and canoes. Conditions grew so dire in the following months that elders sacrificed their own lives to spare food for surviving children.

It was Oct. 26, 1882, in Angoon, a Tlingit village of about 420 people in the southeastern Alaska panhandle. Now, 142 years later, the perpetrator of the bombardment — the U.S. Navy — has apologized.

Rear Adm. Mark Sucato, the commander of the Navy's northwest region, issued the apology during an at-times emotional ceremony Saturday, the anniversary of the atrocity.



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A member of the U.S. Navy sprinkles tobacco on top of a killer whale clan hat, which is considered to bring good fortune, during a Navy ceremony Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024, in Angoon, Alaska, to apologize for the 1882 military bombing of the Tlingit village in Angoon. (Nobu Koch/Sealaska Heritage Institute via AP)

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"The Navy recognizes the pain and suffering inflicted upon the Tlingit people, and we acknowledge these wrongful actions resulted in the loss of life, the loss of resources, the loss of culture, and created and inflicted intergenerational trauma on these clans," he said during the ceremony, which was livestreamed from Angoon. "The Navy takes the significance of this action very, very seriously and knows an apology is long overdue."

While the rebuilt Angoon received \$90,000 in a settlement with the Department of Interior in 1973, village leaders have for decades sought an apology as well, beginning each yearly



Angoon resident Shgen George and her daughters perform a ceremonial song during a U.S. Navy ceremony Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024, in Angoon, Alaska, to apologize for the 1882 military bombing of the Tlingit village in Angoon. (Nobu Koch/Sealaska Heritage Institute via AP)

remembrance by asking three times, "Is there anyone here from the Navy to apologize?"

"You can imagine the generations of people that have died since 1882 that have

wondered what had happened, why it happened, and wanted an apology of some sort, because in our minds, we didn't do anything wrong," said Daniel Johnson Jr., a tribal head in



U.S. Navy Rear Admiral Mark B. Sucato speaks during a Navy ceremony Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024, in Angoon, Alaska, to apologize for the 1882 military bombing on a Tlingit village in Angoon. (Nobu Koch/Sealaska Heritage Institute via AP)

Angoon.

The attack was one of a series of conflicts between the American military and Alaska Natives in the years after the U.S. bought the territory from Russia in 1867. The U.S. Navy issued an apology last month for destroying the nearby village of Kake in 1869, and the Army has indicated that it plans to apologize for shelling Wrangell, also in southeast Alaska, that year, though no date has been set.

The Navy acknowledges the actions it undertook or ordered in Angoon and Kake caused deaths, a loss of resources and multi-generational trauma, Navy civilian spokesperson Julianne Leinenveber said in an email prior to the event. "An apology is not only warranted, but long overdue," she said.

Today, Angoon remains a quaint village of about 420 people, with colorful old homes and totem poles clustered on the west side of Admiralty Island, accessible by ferry or float plane, in the Tongass National Forest, the nation's largest. The residents are vastly outnumbered by brown bears, and the village in recent years has strived to foster its ecotourism industry. Bald eagles and humpback whales abound, and the salmon and halibut fishing is excellent.

Accounts vary as to what prompted its destruction, but they generally begin with the accidental death of a Tlingit shaman, Tith Klane. Klane was killed when a harpoon gun ex-

ploded on a whaling ship owned by his employer, the North West Trading Co.

The Navy's version says tribal members forced the vessel to shore, possibly took hostages and, in accordance with their customs, demanded 200 blankets in compensation.

The company declined to provide the blankets and ordered the Tlingits to return to work. Instead, in sorrow, they painted their faces with coal tar and tallow — something the company's employees took as a precursor to an insurrection. The company's superintendent then sought help from Naval Cmdr. E.C. Merriman, the top U.S. official in Alaska, saying a Tlingit uprising threatened the lives and property of white residents. The Tlingit version contends the boat's crew, which included Tlingit members, likely remained with the vessel out of respect, planning to attend the funeral, and that no hostages were taken. Johnson said the tribe never would have demanded compensation so soon after the death.

Merriman arrived on Oct. 25 and insisted the tribe provide 400 blankets by noon the next day as punishment for disobedience. When the Tlingits turned over just 81, Merriman attacked, destroying 12 clan houses, smaller homes, canoes and the village's food stores.

Six children died in the attack, and "there's untold numbers of elderly and infants who died that winter of both cold, exposure and hunger," Johnson said. □



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Daylight saving time ends next weekend. This is how to prepare for the potential health effects

Associated Press

(AP) - The good news: You will get a glorious extra hour of sleep. The bad: It'll be dark as a pocket by late afternoon for the next few months in the U.S.

Daylight saving time ends at 2 a.m. local time next Sunday, Nov. 3, which means you should set your clock back an hour before you go to bed. Standard time will last until March 9 when we will again "spring forward" with the return of daylight saving time.

That spring time change can be tougher on your body. Darker mornings and lighter evenings can knock your internal body clock out of whack, making it harder to fall asleep on time for weeks or longer. Studies have even found an uptick in heart attacks and strokes right after the March time change.

"Fall back" should be easier. But it still may take a while to adjust your sleep habits, not to mention the downsides of leaving work in the dark or trying exercise while there's still enough light. Some people with seasonal affective disorder, a type of depression usually linked to the shorter days and less sunlight of fall and winter, may struggle, too.

Some health groups, includ-



In this Oct. 30, 2008, file photo, an Electric Time Company employee adjusts the color on a clock at the plant in Medfield, Mass., days before the switch to standard time. (AP Photo/Elise Amendola, File)

ing the American Medical Association and American Academy of Sleep Medicine, have said it's time to do away with time switches and that sticking with standard time aligns better with the sun — and human biology.

Most countries do not observe daylight saving time. For those that do — mostly in Europe and North America — the date that clocks are changed varies.

Two states — Arizona and Hawaii — don't change and stay on standard time. Here's what to know about the twice yearly ritual.

How the body reacts to light

The brain has a master clock that is set by exposure to sunlight and darkness. This circadian rhythm is a roughly 24-hour cycle that determines when we become sleepy and when we're more alert. The patterns change with age, one reason that early-to-rise youngsters evolve into hard-to-wake teens.

Morning light resets the rhythm. By evening, levels of a hormone called melatonin begin to surge, triggering drowsiness. Too

much light in the evening — that extra hour from daylight saving time — delays that surge and the cycle gets out of sync.

And that circadian clock affects more than sleep, also influencing things like heart rate, blood pressure, stress hormones and metabolism.

How do time changes affect sleep?

Even an hour change on the clock can throw off sleep schedules — because even though the clocks change, work and school start times stay the

same.

That's a problem because so many people are already sleep deprived. About 1 in 3 U.S. adults sleep less than the recommended seven-plus hours nightly, and more than half of U.S. teens don't get the recommended eight-plus hours on weeknights.

Sleep deprivation is linked to heart disease, cognitive decline, obesity and numerous other problems.

How to prepare for the time change

Some people try to prepare for a time change jolt by changing their bed times little by little in the days before the change. There are ways to ease the adjustment, including getting more sunshine to help reset your circadian rhythm for healthful sleep.

Will the U.S. ever get rid of the time change?

Lawmakers occasionally propose getting rid of the time change altogether. The most prominent recent attempt, a now-stalled bipartisan bill named the Sunshine Protection Act, proposes making daylight saving time permanent. Health experts say the lawmakers have it backward — standard time should be made permanent. □

Trump refers to CNN's Anderson Cooper by a woman's first name

Associated Press

NOVI, Mich. (AP) — Former President Donald Trump has repeatedly referred to CNN anchor Anderson Cooper with a woman's first name in recent days as the Republican presidential nominee focuses his closing message on a hypermasculine appeal to men.

On a Friday morning post on Trump's social media site Truth Social, the former president referred to one of the most prominent openly gay journalists in the U.S. as "Allison Cooper."

Trump made the subtext even more explicit later Friday during a rally in Traverse City, Michigan, where

he criticized a town hall Cooper hosted with Vice President Kamala Harris.

"If you watched her being interviewed by Allison Cooper the other night, he's a nice person. You know Allison Cooper? CNN fake news," Trump said, before pausing and saying in a mocking voice: "Oh, she said no, his name is Anderson. Oh, no."

On Saturday, Trump repeated the name during another Michigan rally, then followed it up during a nighttime reference in Pennsylvania. "They had a town hall," Trump said in Michigan. "Even Allison Cooper was embarrassed

by it. He was embarrassed by it." In referring to Cooper with a woman's name, Trump appeared to turn to a stereotype heterosexual people have long deployed against gay men. Such rhetoric evokes the trope of gay men as effeminate and comes as Trump aims to drive up his appeal among men in the final stages of his bid to return to the White House.

The former president on Friday recorded a three-hour interview with Joe Rogan, a former mixed martial arts commentator whose podcast is wildly popular among young men. On Oct. 19, Trump kicked off a



Republican presidential nominee former President Donald Trump speaks at a campaign rally in State College, Pa., Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024. (AP Photo/Matt Rourke)

Pennsylvania rally discussing legendary golfer Arnold Palmer's genitalia.

The Trump campaign did

not respond to a request for comment. A representative for Cooper declined to comment. □

Georgia prosecutor who brought election case against Trump faces rare Republican challenger

By Kate Brumback
Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis, the Democratic Georgia prosecutor who brought charges against former President Donald Trump over efforts to overturn the 2020 presidential election, faces a rare Republican challenger in her bid for reelection in the state's most populous county.

Courtney Kramer, a lawyer who interned in the White House counsel's office under Trump, said she wants to bring transparency and accountability to the office. But Willis, who easily fended off a challenge from the left in May's Democratic primary, told The Associated Press she's confident she'll win.

"She's going to lose and she's going to lose badly," Willis said of Kramer. Willis said voters should give her four more years because of her record in office, including a pre-indictment diversion program she started and a program in schools to encourage students to choose alternatives to gangs and crime, as well as reductions in homicides and the backlog of unindicted cases.

Fulton County, home to about 11% of the state's electorate, is a Democratic stronghold where no Republican has even run for district attorney since 2000. Willis has raised \$2.1 million, compared to Kramer's \$278,000, and is heavily favored to win.

Kramer, 31, who grew up in Fulton County and knows the political landscape, has visited Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate, posted photos of herself with a "who's who" of MAGA personalities on Instagram and claims many of the former president's staunchest allies in Georgia as friends. But she says that shouldn't stop anyone — even Democrats — from voting for her.

Her mantra for the campaign has been: "It's not about right versus left, it's about right versus wrong." Willis, 53, became district

attorney in January 2021 and shot to national prominence a month later when she announced that she was investigating whether

of those crimes. The Trump case has won her fans among Democrats across the country while also making her a target of

said she would recuse herself if elected because she served in the Trump White House and has worked with two of the others indicted,

cific cases but dismissed Kramer's criticism, calling her opponent ignorant and "wholly unqualified."

"She's never tried a case at all. She's never practiced criminal law," Willis said. "All she is is a right-wing politician trying to carry right-wing politics."

Kramer has been extremely active in Republican political organizations. She became a lawyer in December 2020 and helped with an election challenge filed by Trump. She said her law practice in the last few years has focused on civil litigation.

Acknowledging her lack of experience in prosecution or management, she said she has good decision-making and leadership skills. She said she would be transparent about the office's finances and would work to move cases along quickly. Asked several times about specific policies or goals, she said she'd have to wait until she gets into office to make those decisions.

Kramer criticized Willis, as many others have, for crowded conditions at the main Fulton County jail, saying people have languished there while their cases go unindicted, and also said violent crime has risen on Willis' watch.

But since Willis took office violent crimes have mostly dropped in the biggest city in her jurisdiction. There were 157 killings in Atlanta in 2020 and 135 last year, and this year's numbers are 13% lower than a year ago, according to police data. Robberies and aggravated assaults have also dropped, and rapes were declining steadily but are up this year.

Fulton County's main jail remains plagued with problems, but overcrowding in the county system has improved. Three days before Trump was indicted, there were 3,571 people in county custody and 1,683, or 47%, had not been indicted. On Friday, there were 2,584 people in custody, with 638, or 25%, unindicted. □



Fani Willis, District Attorney of Fulton County speaks to the Associated Press on Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2024, in Atlanta. (AP Photo/Brynn Anderson)

Trump and others broke any laws while trying to overturn his narrow 2020 presidential election loss in the state to Democrat Joe Biden. She obtained a sprawling racketeering indictment against Trump and 18 others in August 2023.

She worked in the office she now leads for 17 years under her predecessor, Paul Howard, and then worked as a magistrate judge and as a defense attorney. She defeated Howard in a bitter Democratic primary fight in 2020.

She'd like to serve three terms as district attorney and then start teaching at her undergraduate alma mater, Howard University in Washington, she told the AP. She started a domestic violence prosecution unit and said, if she's elected for a second term, she plans to focus on creating more county resources for victims

the former president and his allies. She's been criticized by friends and foes alike for a romantic relationship with Nathan Wade, the special prosecutor she hired to lead the case. The presiding judge chided her for a "tremendous lapse in judgment." A pretrial appeal of the judge's ruling allowing her to continue the prosecution has effectively stalled it, frustrating some Democrats who had hoped the case against the Republican nominee for president would go to trial before the general election.

Kramer said when she entered the district attorney's race in March that the Trump indictment prompted her to run, accusing Willis of pursuing the case for personal political gain. While some have speculated that Kramer is running to dismiss that case, she

lawyer Ray Smith and former state GOP chair David Shafer.

Some progressive Democrats and defense attorneys chafe at Willis' tough-on-crime approach, saying she overuses gang and racketeering laws, unnecessarily complicating cases to get higher penalties. A high-profile example is the prosecution of rapper Young Thug and others. The prosecution's case has dragged on for nearly a year, with scores of witnesses left to call and the judge recently suggesting that the prosecution was engaging in "really poor lawyering."

Kramer said she would dismiss that case, arguing it has been poorly managed and a waste of resources. Willis, known for defiance in the face of threats and fiery responses to detractors, declined to discuss spe-

Bolivia's former President Evo Morales claims his car was shot at in attempted assassination

By Carlos Valdes and
Isabel Debre

Associated Press

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP) — Former President Evo Morales of Bolivia claimed he survived an assassination attempt on Sunday after unidentified men opened fire on his car.

He was not injured and there was no immediate confirmation of the attack from authorities.

Morales alleged the shots were fired while he was being driven in Bolivia's coca leaf-growing region of Chapare, the ex-president's rural stronghold whose residents have blockaded the country's main east-west highway for the past two weeks.

The roadblocks — protesting what Morales' supporters decry as President Luis Arce's attempts to sabotage his former mentor and bitter political rival — have isolated cities and disrupted food and fuel supplies. Morales, who led Bolivia from 2006-2019, emerged unscathed from the alleged attack Sunday, appearing on his weekly radio show in his usual calm manner to recount what happened.

He told the radio host that as he was leaving home for the radio station, hooded



Former President Evo Morales speaks to supporters after marching to La Paz, Bolivia, to protest current President Luis Arce, Monday, Sept. 23, 2024. (AP Photo/Juan Karita, File)

men fired at least 14 shots at his car, wounding his driver.

Morales was quick to blame his successor, President Arce, with whom he is fighting to be the candidate of governing socialist party in next year's presidential election. He claimed that Arce's government resorted to physical force having been unable to defeat him politically.

"Arce is going to go down as the worst president in history," Morales said. "Shoot-

ing a former president is the last straw."

Officials in Arce's government did not respond to requests for comment on the incident.

Cellphone video circulating online shows Morales' driver bleeding from the back of his head. Morales can be seen in the passenger's seat holding a phone to his ear as the vehicle swerves and a woman's voice shrieks "Duck!"

The footage shows the car's front windshield cracked by

at least three bullets and its rear windshield shattered. Morales can be heard saying, "Papacho has been shot in the head," apparently referring to his driver. "They are shooting at us," Morales continues on the phone. "They shot the tire of the car and it stopped on the road."

Morales' claim deepens political tensions in Bolivia at a volatile moment for the cash-strapped Andean nation of 12 million.

In June there was an al-

leged attempted coup by a rogue general. Last month Morales led a massive march against the government's mismanagement of the economy that quickly devolved into street clashes with pro-government mobs. Imported goods are scarce and prices are rising.

Drivers wait for hours to fill up at gas stations. The gap between the official and black-market exchange rates is widening.

Earlier this month, the feud between Morales and Arce moved to the courts as Bolivian prosecutors launched an investigation into accusations that Morales fathered a child with a 15-year-old girl in 2016, classifying their relationship as statutory rape.

Morales has dismissed the allegations as politically motivated and refused to testify in the case. Since reports surfaced of a possible arrest warrant against him, the ex-president has been holed up in the Chapare region, in central Bolivia, where supportive coca growers have kept vigilant watch to protect him from arrest.

President Arce accuses Morales of trying to undermine his administration to advance his own ambitions. □

Voters in Brazil's largest city choose a mayor following tumultuous campaign

By Mauricio Savarese
Associated Press

SAO PAULO (AP) — Voters in Brazil's biggest city, Sao Paulo, started going to the polls Sunday in a mayoral race pitting incumbent Mayor Ricardo Nunes against leftist lawmaker Guilherme Boulos.

Nunes has lukewarm support from former Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro while Boulos is an ally of President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva. Different polls published Saturday showed Nunes, who inherited the mayorship after Bruno Covas died of cancer in 2021, is the favorite to win.

His advantage against Boulos is greater than the

margin of error of the Datafolha and Quæst polls.

Boulos, in a last-ditch effort for exposure, on Friday accepted an invitation to debate self-help guru turned far-right politician Pablo Marçal, who finished third in the first round of voting on Oct. 7. At the end of the debate, Marçal urged his voters not to vote Sunday. Lower turnout could work against Nunes.

Most of the attention in this year's round of municipal elections in Brazil has been on Sao Paulo, where the race was marred by episodes of violence involving Marçal in the first round of voting.

Boulos, a longtime housing

advocate for the poor, has been campaigning non-stop to avoid his second consecutive defeat in the race.

Other Brazilian cities with more than 200,000 registered voters are also holding mayoral elections.

In Rio de Janeiro, incumbent Mayor Eduardo Paes was reelected in the first round of voting for his fourth, non-consecutive term. Paes, an enthusiastic fan of Carnival, had Lula's support but focused his campaign on local issues against Bolsonaro's candidate, Alexandre Ramagem.

Brazilians will be also watching closely for results in Belo



A view of Sao Paulo, Brazil, on Sept. 10, 2024. (AP Photo/Andre Penner, File)

Horizonte, one of the country's biggest cities, where polls suggest Mayor Fuad Noman faces a close race with pro-Bolsonaro candidate Bruno Engler.

The vote in Fortaleza, an-

other of the nation's biggest cities, is in a dead heat between the candidate from Lula's Workers' Party, Evandro Leitão, and pro-Bolsonaro challenger André Fernandes. □

Japan's ruling party braces for a blow in parliamentary elections

By Mari Yamaguchi
Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba's conservative ruling party braced for a blow to its majority in the lower house of parliament in Sunday's elections as a result of public rage over financial scandals and discontent over a stagnant economy. According to exit polls by NHK public television, Ishiba's Liberal Democratic Party is certain to lose its majority in the 465-seat house, the more powerful of Japan's two-chamber parliament. It's still unclear if his ruling coalition with junior partner Komeito can retain a majority.

The results could weaken Ishiba's grip on power and if he can't get his party's policies through parliament, he may need to find a third partner.

"The results so far have been extremely severe, and we take them very seriously," Ishiba told NHK. "I believe the voters are telling us to reflect more (on the financial wrongdoing) and become a party that lives up to their expectations."

If his ruling coalition loses a majority, Ishiba said, the LDP will still lead a ruling coalition and tackle key policies and compile a planned supplementary budget while pursuing political reform further. He indicated that the LDP is open to cooperating with opposition groups if that suits the



Japan's Prime Minister and president of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) Shigeru Ishiba pause as he speaks to the media regarding the early result of lower house election, at the LDP headquarters Sunday, Oct. 27, 2024, in Tokyo, (Kyodo News via AP)

public's expectations.

Ishiba took office on Oct. 1, replacing Fumio Kishida, who resigned after failing to pacify the public over widespread slush fund practices among Liberal Democratic Party lawmakers. Ishiba immediately ordered a snap election in hopes of shoring up support by using his outspoken, reformist image.

A total of 1,344 candidates, including a record 314 women, are running for office. Early results are expected within hours.

Ishiba has set a goal of retaining a majority of 233 seats for the ruling coalition between the LDP and Buddhist-backed Komeito. NHK

exit polls indicated that the LDP was expected to win between 153 and 219 seats, down sharply from the comfortable majority of 247 it held previously. Komeito was expected to win 21 to 35 seats.

Ishiba, in his final speeches Saturday in Tokyo, apologized over his party's mishandling of funds and said only the LDP's ruling coalition can responsibly run Japan with its experience and dependable policies. Once a popular politician known for criticism of even his own party's policies, Ishiba has also seen support for his weeks-old Cabinet plunge.

The biggest opposition par-

ty, the Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan, is led by centrist leader Yoshihiko Noda who briefly served as prime minister during the LDP's 2009-2012 descent from power.

Noda's party is expected to make significant gains, with exit polls suggesting a huge increase to as many as 191 seats from 98. Noda says Sunday's election is a rare chance for a change of government, which will be the most effective political reform, though his party has trouble finding other opposition groups with which to cooperate.

At a downtown Tokyo polling station early Sunday, a number of voters said they

had considered the corruption scandal and economic measures in deciding how to vote. But analysts say Ishiba's LDP was expected to remain the top party in Japan's parliament as voters are skeptical about the opposition's ability and inexperience.

"The public's criticisms against the slush funds scandal has intensified, and it won't go away easily," said Izuru Makihara, a University of Tokyo professor of politics and public policy. "There is a growing sense of fairness and people are rejecting privileges for politicians." Makihara suggested Ishiba needs bold political reform measures to regain public trust.

Ishiba pledged to revitalize the rural economy, address Japan's falling birth rate and bolster defense. But his Cabinet has old faces, only two women and was seen as alienating members of the faction led by late premier Shinzo Abe. Ishiba quickly retreated from earlier support for a dual surname option for married couples and legalizing same-sex marriage, an apparent compromise to the party's influential ultra-conservatives.

His popularity fell because of "the gap in what the public expected him to be as prime minister versus the reality of what he brought as prime minister," said Rintaro Nishimura, a political analyst at The Asia Group. □



People fly kites at the Cape Town International Kite Festival in Cape Town, South Africa, Sunday, Oct. 27, 2024. (AP Photo/Nardus Engelbrecht)

Associated Press

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) — Enthusiasts flew kites of all shapes and sizes Sun-

day at a festival in South Africa that raises awareness for mental health and provides a burst of beachside

A colorful kite festival in South Africa raises awareness for mental health

color.

The Cape Town International Kite Festival is celebrating its 30th year, with participants traveling from the United States, Tunisia and elsewhere.

They ranged from seasoned pros — there is such a thing as professional kite fliers, according to organizer Barbara Meyer — to children who skipped down the sand with kites fluttering above them. Kite designs included "Finding Nemo"-inspired fish, blue dragons, yellow lizards and

a wiggly green jellyfish. One inventive entrant was a kite in the shape of a skydiver. Another was a giant hand that flew above spectators, waving in the wind.

October is mental health month in South Africa. Meyer said the festival is an important fundraiser for Cape Mental Health, an organization that offers largely free counseling to any who need it in the Cape Town area.

She said kites reflected a motto: "No matter how fragile the string seems, a

person can use it to hold a kite as large as a house."

She said the last few years had been tough for many with the mental scars of the COVID-19 pandemic, especially young people.

"There were so many different layers that COVID brought to people," she said. "People lost family members. The issue of isolation and lockdowns made it worse. There were a lot of job losses as well and a lot of people coming and asking for help." □

Visit the island's popular cave sites!



(Oranjestad)—Among the endless sea of dark brown sand and cacti, there are two caves hidden in the outskirts of San Nicolas, in the north-eastern area of the island. These caves, The Quadiriki cave and The Fontein Cave are open to visitors of the Arikok National Park, so if you ever decide to take an “off-road” tour in the park, be sure to visit these prehistoric caves...and be sure to bring a flashlight!

Quadirikiri Cave

Known for its two chambers accompanied by a skylight, the Quadikiri Cave is the most popular cave among locals and tourists, as it is easy to walk through and provides great lighting for pictures.

As with all prehistoric or ancient sites, there is always a folk legend that adds to the lore and mystery of the site. The Quadirikiri cave is no different. The most well-known legend behind the cave could be considered as Aruba's first love story, as it tells the tale of the undying love between the chief's daughter and her beloved. As legend would have it, the chief disapproved of his daughter's choice of lover, as he thought him unworthy. Stubborn and filled with anger, the daughter refused to turn away her beloved.

So, the chief decided to lock her up in the Quadirikiri Cave, in hopes that she would soon calm down and turn away her lover. Her beloved, in turn, was locked away in the Tunnel of Love (Now known as the

Huliba Cave).

Through the pathways underneath the Tunnel of Love running up to the Quadiriki cave, the two love birds found each other, and refused to let each other go. Because of their stubbornness, they both died in the Quadiriki Cave, their ascending spirits burning two holes in the ceiling of the cave. This is why the cave has two holes through which sunlight passes through to illuminate the chamber.

Though there have been discoveries of Amerindian drawing on the wall, these have mostly been ruined by vandalism. However, the Fontein Cave further up north, provides a better glimpse in prehistoric Amerindian paintings.

Fontein Cave

Longer than the Quadirikiri Cave, the Fontein Cave contains pathways that stretch to the limestone walls further down. Here is also where prehistoric drawings can be seen. Though this cave does not have its own legend, this was speculated to have been occupied—or at least used by prehistoric Arawak settlers on the island for rituals and other spiritual ceremonies.

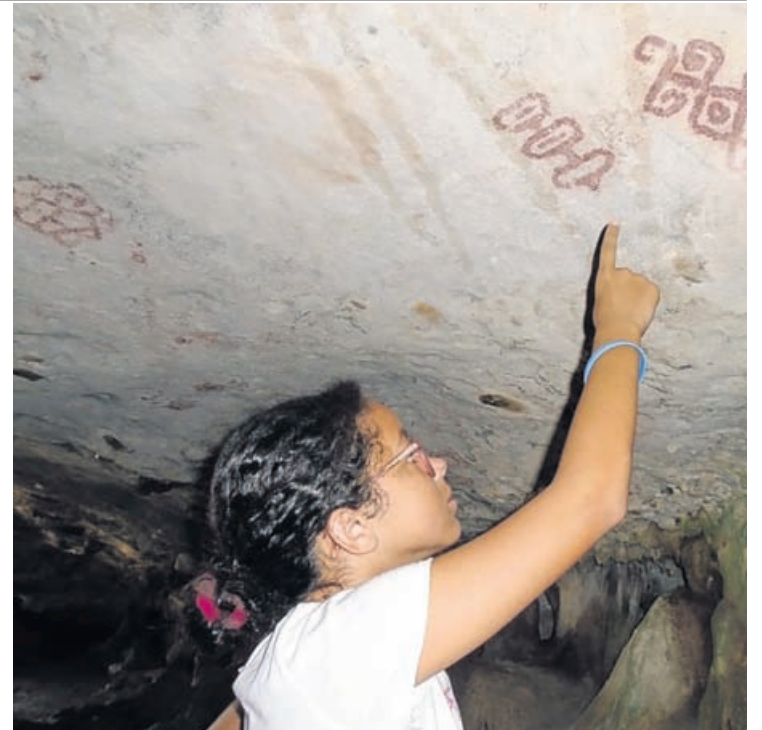
The Huliba Cave/ Tunnel of Love

The Huliba Cave, formerly known as the Tunnel of Love, was once open to the public, and was the biggest and most accessible of all three caves. This cave had five chambers, including one that is heart-

shaped. This cave had narrow stairs that led to long pathways deep into the cave, with a staircase leading to the exit on the other side. In one of the chambers, there used to be the carving of the Virgin Mary, put there for the protection of the cave.

However, the Huliba Cave has been permanently closed for a few years now, as a way to preserve the bat population that lives in the cave. These Long Tongue Fruit Bats and Insect Eater Bats are very important to the ecosystem of the island. Though this cave is no longer accessible to the public, it surely is interesting to learn more about the history of these caves and the Awarak tribes that resided or utilized them.

Do note that these caves are very dark, humid, hot, and are inhabited by bats. Do wear comfortable clothing and shoes, as the pathways in these caves may be rough and bumpy, and don't forget to bring a flashlight!☐



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Aruba Tourism Authority honored loyal visitors at Holiday Inn Aruba Beach Resort!

The Aruba Tourism Authority recently had the great pleasure of recognizing Goodwill Ambassadors of Aruba. The honorees were respectively honored with a certificate for their years of visits, loyalty, and love for the island of Aruba.

The honorary certification is presented on behalf of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation and to say "Masha Danki" to guests who have visited Aruba 10, 20, or 35 years or more consecutively.

The three levels of honor are

as follows:
Distinguished Visitor (10>years consecutively visiting Aruba)
Goodwill Ambassador (20>years consecutively visiting Aruba)
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The honorees were:
Goodwill Ambassadors Mr. Gunter Bloy Jr & Mrs. Susanne Bloy from Key Largo Florida, United States.

Ms. Marouska Heyliger representing the Aruba Tourism Authority, and staff members of Holiday Inn Aruba Beach

Resort bestowed the certificate upon the honorees, presented them with gifts, and thanked them for choosing Aruba as their favorite vacation destination, as their home away from home.

The top reasons for returning to Aruba provided by the honorees were:
Aruba's people
Aruba's beaches
Friends they have made over the years
Aruba's safety
Island itself

On behalf of the Aruba Tourism Authority, we would like



to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the honorees for their continued visits to the "One Happy Island". □

Best spots to view the sunset

(Oranjestad)—Today we celebrate Valentine's Day, and what can be more romantic than surprising your partner with a date watching the sunset. Aruba's sunset leave many speechless, and luckily, the best spots to view the sunset are entirely accessible and easy to find. Here are some of the best places to view the sunset on the island.

California Light House

Of course, being one of the highest point easily accessible to locals and tourists, the California Light House hill not only offers a tremendous view of the sunset, but also a breath taking scenery of most of the

island. In the distance you can spot all the hotels, the western shoreline and the wild waves that crash on the northern side of the island.

Manchebo & Eagle Beach

Speaking of the western shoreline, the best spots for viewing the sunset on the beach has to be either Manchebo Beach or at Eagle Beach, which stretch along the entire western coast of the island starting from behind Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort up to the Amsterdam Manor roundabout. The sunset on these beaches is truly breathtaking; the sky and ocean look so big and spacious, and

paired with the orange/pink hue of the sunset, the white sandy beaches and the soft sounds of waves crashing—it can only be described as an experience!*

Arashi Beach

Another beach that has to be considered as another great spot to view the sunset. Arashi Beach is the last beach you will find along the western coast line, just before you drive up the hill to the California Light House. A favorite for surfers and body boarders, the Arashi sky stretches out for miles, lending a spectacular canvas for the sun to create a masterpiece of orange, pink and purple hue.



Hooiberg Hill

These last two options are for more active couples. If you and your partner like to hike, the Hooiberg Hill may be a great place for you to get your daily workout in and enjoy a beautiful view of the sunset and the island as a little reward. Climb on top the 587-step stairs and reach the top to enjoy this incredible scenery.

Casibari Rock Formation

If you're a rock climber, you might enjoy watching the sunset on top of the Casibari Rock Formation. It's no Yosemite, but it does offer a fun little exercise to get to the top. But if you prefer not to get your hands a little dirty, you can always use the stairs in the back. □

Editor's note: This spot may be my personal favorite, if you couldn't already tell...



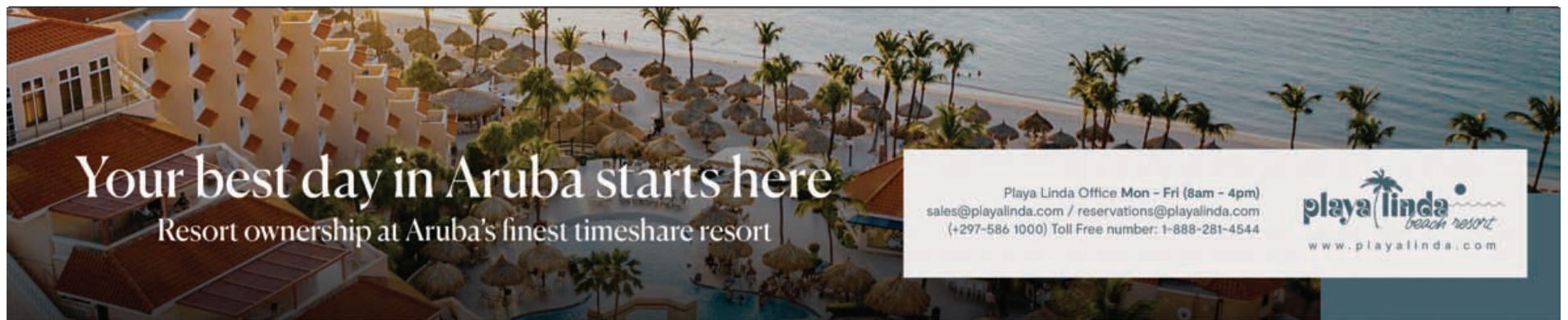
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Aruba: The island of Aloes



ORANJESTAD – Aloe vera, a succulent plant species, is renowned for its incredible properties for the skin. It is widely distributed and usually grows in tropical, semi-tropical and arid climates on the planet. But this plant also had a very prominent role in the history of Aruba, and its significance to the island's economy endures to this day.

The leaves of Aloe vera contain a good amount of gel which when used topically, is great for the skin. Traditionally, Arubans use this gel to treat minor burns and other skin ailments, or just to keep skin supple and looking bright and nourished. Aside from the gel, aloe contains a bitter, yellow substance (called aloin) which is a gentle but powerful laxative, and it is

also the origin of the industry of aloe in Aruba.

According to the website of Royal Aruba Aloe, Aloe vera was introduced in Aruba around 1840, when most of the island's inhabitants were farmers of little means. Dutch Governor Van Raders introduced the plant after it had been introduced in other islands of the Caribbean to cultivate and harvest the aloe to produce the laxative.

Around 1920, about two-thirds of Aruba was aloe fields, earning our island the nickname "The Island of Aloes."

Under Commander Jan Helenus Ferguson (1866-1871), aloe experienced a boom, which is why there is a road named after him, which goes through the aloe fields. In the 19th century, Aruba was the main supplier of aloin for laxative, which was imported abroad to the United States and Europe. The aloin from Aruba and Curaçao was known to be one of the best in the world and was more expensive, which meant that at the time, it had significant economic



impact, particularly for the local farmers.

However, by the time the oil industry arrived on Aruba, it changed the labor market on Aruba, shifting away from agriculture. It would be after World War II that aloe would make a comeback. And eventually, as science learned about the amazing properties of aloe gel, the industry shifted from producing laxative to producing skin care. An interesting fact is that in 1951, the production of Aruban aloe amounted to around 30 percent of the total global production!

The impact and relevance of aloe is visible all around Aruba. While most homes will have a few plants for

personal use and decoration, houses are also decorated with aloe motifs, and at some point, aloe even featured on post stamps. Around 1920, about two-thirds of Aruba was aloe fields, earning our island the nickname "The Island of Aloes." And in 1955, the aloe became a part of Aruba's coat of arms, symbolizing prosperity for the island. □

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Surf's Up: Favorite places to catch waves in Aruba

ORANJESTAD – Whether you are a salt-seasoned surfer looking for a thrill, or just looking to wet your toes in a little ocean adventure, Aruba has amazing places to learn and practice surfing! Although more known for the calmer waters of Palm Beach, Eagle Beach and Mangel Halto, Aruba also has some special places to thrill your senses.

Because of strong winds and breezes, Aruba is perfect for wind and kite surfing. You will surely notice kites in the air as you drive around the wilder, rougher areas on Aruba's east side.

There are plenty of surf shop rentals to help you with your gear, and there are also a lot of tutors if you're looking to try for the first time and need a little help. These can be found around the island, and will surely come in hand if you're wanting to try a new experience!

With that said, here are Aruba's favorite surf spots!



Andicuri

Andicuri is recognized as the best place for body boarding. Because of the rough waves, this beach is better suited for those with more experience in surfing. However, the beach with two bluffs – one on each side – is worth a visit, if only to watch the exciting show presented by the surfers.

To go to Andicuri, you will need a 4x4 vehicle and drive from the ex-Natural Bridge Center. Alternatively, you can make it an adventure by going on a hike! The scenery is unique and beautiful on its own.

Reaching Andicuri Beach can be an adventure in itself, as it can be difficult to find and is only accessible by 4x4 vehicle or walking from the ex-Natural Bridge center, but the impressive scenery makes it all worthwhile!

Arashi

Arashi, a beach located close to the California Lighthouse, is a good spot for learning and having fun – if you're lucky! The waves at Arashi are usually calm, but with just the right weather, a swell forms attracting all the local surfers to the area.



Boca Grandi

Boca Grandi is at the most southern spot in

Aruba, and is a popular spot with experienced surfers. Close to the famous Red Anchor and our beloved Sunrise City – San Nicolas, a trip to Boca Grandi can easily turn into an all-day trip to this area of the island. With a beautiful beach (although it is not allowed to swim here, because of strong currents), you can enjoy a relaxing time combing the beach for driftwood, coral, and little crabs and snails.

Hadicurari

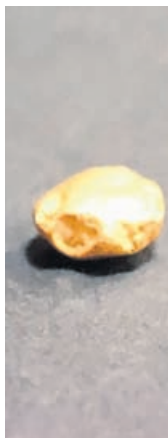
Known locally as Fisherman's Hut, here is where you will find most of the action for surfers in Aruba. With a variety of surf shops and schools in this area, you will find it easy to get in on the action. Hadicurari is also the site of the Aruba Hi Winds World Challenge, which takes place usually in June/July, and it is the largest windsurfing competition in the Caribbean!

Malmok

If you're a beginner, this is your spot. There are also various shops to rent gear and receive lessons, facilitating learning and just trying out a new experience. The beach is also popular for paddleboarding and other watersport activities. □



In celebration of 200 years of the Aruban gold rush: Get to know the history of the gold industry on Aruba



(Oranjestad)—This year we celebrate a few milestone anniversaries on Aruba, one of them being the 200th anniversary of when gold was first discovered on the island. We have talked about the Bushiribana Gold Mill Ruin before and its brief history during the gold industry on Aruba, but get to know a little more about the history of the “Aruban Gold Rush.”

The first hint of gold on Aruba actually dates back to 1725, when rumors about gold being found in dug up treasure chests of the Spanish colonial era prompted the first official exploration for gold on the island, commissioned by the Dutch West India Company. Under the leadership of Mr. Paulus Printz, a three-year search was conducted on Aruba, to no avail. Though they found some specks of gold, it was not enough to motivate a further search, and the assignment was discontinued by Printz himself. It wasn't until 100 years later, in 1824, when a young farmer boy named Willem Rasmijn found a lump of gold while out herding his father's sheep in the area of Rooi Fluit on the north coast. His father took it to a local merchant who then sold the lump for \$70. Unbeknownst to the boy and his father, they quite literally struck gold, and as word got out, a gold fever spread among the locals who started searching for more gold.

When the colonial governor in Curacao, Governor Cantz'laar, heard about the news, he sent his adjutant, Capitan van Raders, to start harvesting gold. This was in July 1824. In August of that same year, the governor followed suit to the island, accompanied by high-ranking military officials. When citizens started swarming the area in search for gold, The Netherlands sent more troops to safe guard the gold.

Prominent places where gold was found was in Daimari, Wacobana, Arikok, Rooi Fluit, Hadicouradi and later West punt, where gold ore was found. Because of a lack in advanced technology and materials to harvest the gold, the process took a more primitive approach: Clay rocks containing traces of gold were left to dry in the sun. Then, workers would start chipping the clay away on a large canvas to catch the gold particles that were left behind after the wind blew away the dust from the clay.

In the harvest period of 1824-1825, there was a total of 71,000 kilos collected through commissioned harvesting. Locals themselves reportedly found about 25 pounds worth of gold in the nearby rivers. The following years after that first big harvest, commission work fell off, and in 1828, the director of the goldmines, Johan Gravenhorst, decided to halt harvesting.

Almost 40 years later, the London-based Aruba Island Gold Mining Company Ltd. was granted concession. The firm built their gold mines on Bushiribana, and in the port of Oranjestad a long road that connected the gold mill to the port. The ores themselves came from Sero Plat en Sero Cristal.

By this point, workers were still using primitive methods to harvest the ores. For example, when someone had to go into the mines, there were no stairs or lifts; the person had to be brought down in a big bucket, with two or more workers holding the bucket by a thick rope above ground. Aruba Island Gold Mining Company Ltd. reportedly operated until 1899, and right after the Aruba Gold Concession Ltd. was established, coincidentally also based in London. This time, the gold mill in Balashi was built, and more mines were dug up all around the island. The gold ores that were found were transported via track engine, locally called the “trekinchi”. Despite being more equipped for the job, the Aruba Gold Concession Ltd. could not produce any real profit, and so the concession was terminated just eight years later, in 1908.

A local firm, the “Aruba Goud Maatschappij” (Aruba Gold Company) took over the concession, along with all the materials and equipment. In the beginning, the company saw good profit, and for a while, the island's economy depended primarily on the mining and harvesting of gold. But just like its predecessors, the streak of luck for the Aruba Gold Company came to an end when WWI broke out.

The main reason why production stopped this time was reportedly because of a lack in dynamite for extracting the ores from the mines, as well as a lack in raw materials like German cyanide for the refining process. By the time the war ended, the equipment that was left at Balashi were too old to use again. After the war, gold production on the Aruba was left to a standstill.

According to an issue in Aruba Esso News paper in 1953, Henny Eman wanted to start up digging again, this time using independent miners. He argued that there was proof of more gold to be discovered. Plus, hiring independent miners would boost the island's employment rate.

When it was proven that gold was in fact still present, the executive board on the island promised to fund the project only if the gold dug up proved to be valuable. However, nothing else was reported after this, so it could be concluded that there was no real profitable market on the island anymore.

The ruins of the Bushiribana and Balashi Gold Mills are still standing, and open for the public to visit. These structures offer a glance into the past, to a time where Aruba experienced one of its first wave of industrialization. Today, these structures are persevered as historical monuments. □

Source:

1. “De Kolibrie op de Rots (en meer over the geschiedenis van Aruba)” by Evert Bongers.
2. Aruba Esso News, 1953 issue.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

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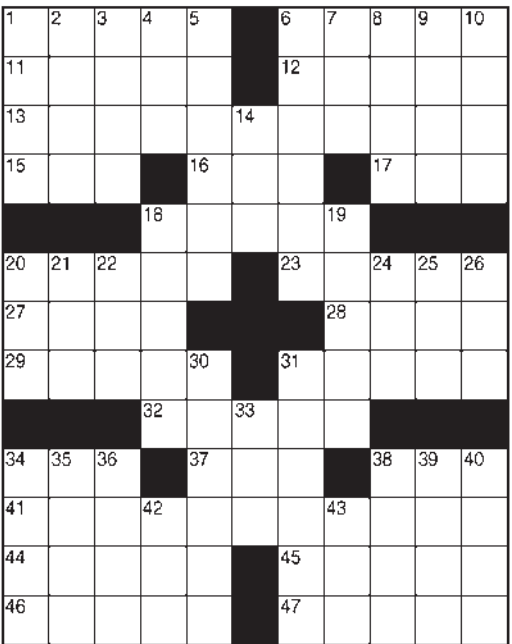
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38 Dance unit
39 Brown seaweed
40 With no particular reason
42 Use scissors
43 Binary base



4-9

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is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

4-9 CRYPTOQUOTE

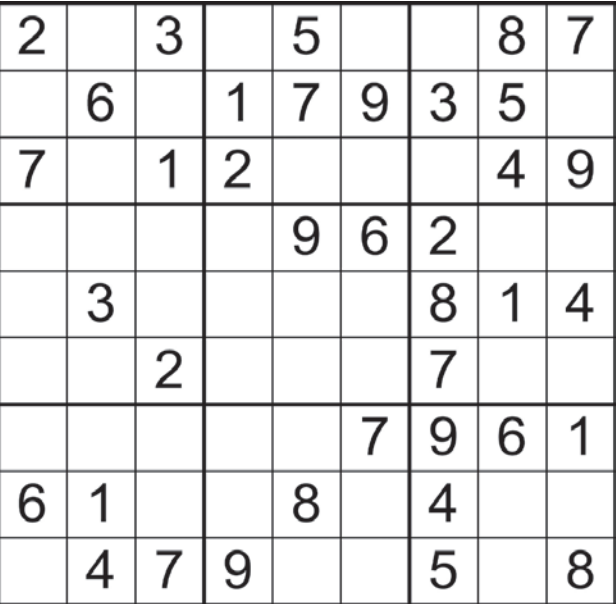
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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THE SUN IS GONE,
BUT I HAVE A LIGHT. — KURT COBAIN

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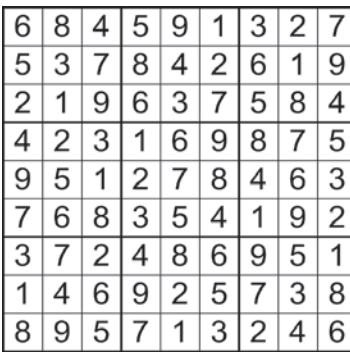
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Answer to previous puzzle



Difficulty: ★★★★★

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Helpful tips for your stay on Aruba

Supermarket hours



Supermarket hours may vary depending on where you are staying on the island. Generally though, most supermarkets are open from 8am to 9 or 10pm, Monday through Saturday. On Sundays, supermarkets generally close earlier, mostly around 2pm.

(Oranjestad)—When traveling to another country, especially for the first time, it is always better to be over-prepared than under-prepared. That is why we have a list of basicbut important information that we think may come in handy to Aruba's visitors.

lets used on the island: type A with two flat prongs; type B with two flat and one grounding prong, and on occasion, type F with two round prong and two earth clips on the side. However, Type A is most commonly found in homes and establishments.

Electrical power



Drinking water



The water that flows through the sinks of every house, hotels and other establishments is distilled and perfectly safe to drink. Aruba's drinking water exceeds WHO's international standards for water quality, so there is no need to buy bottled water from the store.

Aruba generally operates on 110V to 127V supply voltage and 60Hz. There are also three types of out-

Safety



Since February 2024, Aruba has been categorized as the safest country in the Caribbean by The Telegraph, and many tourist that visit have often told us how they feel safe to explore the island or walk around at night. However, rare incidents do occurs, so keep yourself and your belongings safe.

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Researchers say an AI-powered transcription tool used in hospitals invents things no one ever said

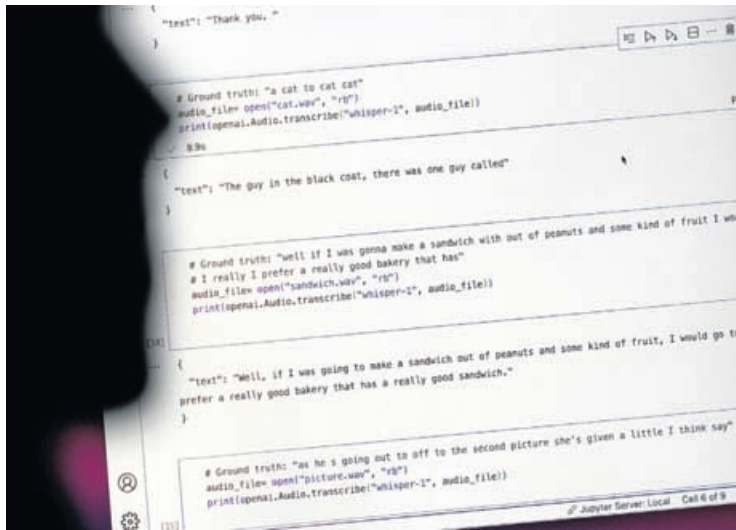
By Garance burke and Hilke Schellmann
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Tech behemoth OpenAI has touted its artificial intelligence-powered transcription tool Whisper as having near “human level robustness and accuracy.” But Whisper has a major flaw: It is prone to making up chunks of text or even entire sentences, according to interviews with more than a dozen software engineers, developers and academic researchers. Those experts said some of the invented text — known in the industry as hallucinations — can include racial commentary, violent rhetoric and even imagined medical treatments.

Experts said that such fabrications are problematic because Whisper is being used in a slew of industries worldwide to translate and transcribe interviews, generate text in popular consumer technologies and create subtitles for videos. More concerning, they said, is a rush by medical centers to utilize Whisper-based tools to transcribe patients’ consultations with doctors, despite OpenAI’s warnings that the tool should not be used in “high-risk domains.”

The full extent of the problem is difficult to discern, but researchers and engineers said they frequently have come across Whisper’s hallucinations in their work. A University of Michigan researcher conducting a study of public meetings, for example, said he found hallucinations in eight out of every 10 audio transcriptions he inspected, before he started trying to improve the model. A machine learning engineer said he initially discovered hallucinations in about half of the over 100 hours of Whisper transcriptions he analyzed. A third developer said he found hallucinations in nearly every one of the 26,000 transcripts he created with Whisper.

The problems persist even in well-recorded, short au-



Assistant professor of information science Allison Koenecke, an author of a recent study that found hallucinations in a speech-to-text transcription tool, works in her office at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., Friday, Feb. 2, 2024. The text preceded by “#Ground truth” shows what was actually said while the sentences preceded by “text” was how the transcription program interpreted the words. (AP Photo/Seth Wenig)

dio samples. A recent study by computer scientists uncovered 187 hallucinations in more than 13,000 clear audio snippets they examined.

That trend would lead to tens of thousands of faulty transcriptions over millions of recordings, researchers said.

Such mistakes could have “really grave consequences,” particularly in hospital settings, said Alondra Nelson, who led the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy for the Biden administration until last year.

“Nobody wants a misdiagnosis,” said Nelson, a professor at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princ-

eton, New Jersey. “There should be a higher bar.”

Whisper also is used to create closed captioning for the Deaf and hard of hearing — a population at particular risk for faulty transcriptions. That’s because the Deaf and hard of hearing have no way of identifying fabrications “hidden amongst all this other text,” said Christian Vogler, who is deaf and directs Gallaudet University’s Technology Access Program.

The prevalence of such hallucinations has led experts, advocates and former OpenAI employees to call for the federal government to consider AI regulations. At minimum, they said, OpenAI needs to ad-

dress the flaw.

“This seems solvable if the company is willing to prioritize it,” said William Saunders, a San Francisco-based research engineer who quit OpenAI in February over concerns with the company’s direction. “It’s problematic if you put this out there and people are overconfident about what it can do and integrate it into all these other systems.”

An OpenAI spokesperson said the company continually studies how to reduce hallucinations and appreciated the researchers’ findings, adding that OpenAI incorporates feedback in model updates.

While most developers assume that transcription tools misspell words or make other errors, engineers and researchers said they had never seen another AI-powered transcription tool hallucinate as much as Whisper. □



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Grammy-winning rapper Lil Durk charged with orchestrating 2022 Los Angeles killing

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FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP)

— Grammy Award-winning rapper Lil Durk has been arrested in Florida on federal charges that he paid for the attempted 2022 revenge killing of rapper Quando Rondo at a Los Angeles gas station, a shooting that resulted in the death of Rondo's cousin.

Durk, 32, is charged with conspiracy to commit murder-for-hire in the slaying of Saviay'a Robinson, 24, who was gunned down on Aug. 19, 2022, according to an FBI affidavit released Friday. Five other members of Durk's Chicago-based rap collective, "Only the Family" or "OTF," have also been arrested and at least two more arrests may be forthcoming, according to court documents that have been filed. Durk was arrested Thursday night in South Florida as he attempted to flee the country, the FBI says.

Durk, whose real name is Durk Banks, won a Grammy earlier this year for Best Melodic Rap Performance for his song "All My Life," which featured J. Cole. He



Lil Durk poses in the press room with the award for best melodic rap performance for "All My Life" by Lil Durk featuring J. Cole during the 66th annual Grammy Awards, Feb. 4, 2024, in Los Angeles. (Photo by Richard Shotwell/Invision/AP, File)

has also been nominated three times and was a featured performer on Drake's "Laugh Now Cry Later."

Martin Estrada, the U.S. attorney for Los Angeles, called the shooting "a cold-blooded murder."

"The shooting occurred in the open, at a gas station at a busy intersection, endangering many others in

the area," Estrada said in a statement. "Violent gun crime of this sort is devastating to our community and we will have zero-tolerance for those who perpetrate such callous acts of violence."

FBI Agent Sarah Corcoran said in her affidavit that OTF members engage "in violence, including murder

and assault, at the direction of Banks and to maintain their status in OTF."

Durk's representatives did not immediately respond to emails Friday seeking comment.

According to Corcoran's affidavit and other federal court records, the shooting stems from the November 2020 slaying of OTF rapper

King Von, 26, at an Atlanta nightclub after Von and Rondo got into a fight. Records say a friend of Rondo's pulled a gun and shot Von several times, killing him. Von, whose real name was Dayvon Bennett, had two hit singles, "Crazy Story" and "Took Her to the O."

Authorities say Durk made it known that he would "pay a bounty" to anyone who killed Rondo, whose real name is Tyquian Bowman.

Almost two years later, a murder plot quickly came together, Corcoran wrote.

On Aug. 18, 2022, Durk's associates learned that Rondo was staying at a Los Angeles hotel. That day, Deandre Wilson, Keith Jones, David Lindsey, Asa Houston and a fifth unnamed suspect flew from Chicago to San Diego and then drove to Los Angeles using funds provided by Durk, Corcoran said.

That day, Durk allegedly texted an associate arranging the flights, "Don't book no flights under no names involved wit me." Corcoran said there is video evidence that Durk was staying at a house in the San Fernando Valley that day. □

Timothée Chalamet crashes his own look-alike contest after police shut down crowded event



Miles Mitchell, 21, winner of the Timothée Chalamet look-alike contest near Washington Square Park, Sunday, Oct. 27, 2024, in New York. Associated Press.

By JAKE OFFENHARTZ

Associated Press

New York (AP)—Actor Timothée Chalamet made a surprise appearance at his own look-alike contest in Lower Manhattan on Sunday, an event that drew

hundreds of onlookers, a dispersal order from police and at least one arrest.

Flanked by bodyguards, Chalamet briefly posed for photos with his high-cheeked, curly haired doppelgängers, some of whom

had dressed as the actor's characters in "Wonka" and the "Dune" movies.

But just as the wannabe-Chalamets began strutting along a red carpet in Washington Square Park, police ordered the large group to disperse, slapping organizers with a \$500 fine for an "unpermitted costume contest."

At least one contestant was taken away in handcuffs, though police did not immediately say why. A spokesperson for the NYPD said charges were pending.

"It started off as a silly joke and now it's turned pandemonium," said Paige Nguyen, a producer for the YouTube personality Anthony Po, who staged the event. The organizers had posted

flyers for the contest — which promised a \$50 prize to the winner — around New York in recent days, spurring social media speculation and thousands of RSVPs to an online invite.

After leaving the park, the group soon found a back-up location in a nearby playground, where more than a dozen contestants competed for audience approval from a makeshift stage. What makes a good Chalamet?

"It's all in the nose," said Lauren Klas, a 27-year-old graphic designer who clung to a fence post to get a better view of the stage. "All of his bone structure, really."

After winnowing down the group down to four, the remaining contestants were

asked about their French proficiency, their plans to make the world a better place and their romantic intentions with Kylie Jenner. Chalamet and Jenner are said to be a couple.

Eventually, a winner was chosen: Miles Mitchell, a 21-year-old Staten Island resident, who dressed in a purple Willy Wonka outfit and tossed candy to the crowd from a brief case.

As he stood next to a novelty-size check written out to "Best Tim," a group of admirers lined up for the chance to take a photo — or exchange social media profiles — with the winner.

"I'm excited and I'm also overwhelmed," Mitchell said. "There were so many good look-alikes. It was really a toss-up." □

Miami's win over Florida State was particularly emotional for RB Mark Fletcher

By Tim Reynolds

Associated Press

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. (AP)

— Mark Fletcher Jr. never considered not playing in Miami's rivalry game against Florida State, for the simple reason that his father would have wanted him out there. And it was no accident that Miami's opening touchdown was his. Fletcher rushed for 71 yards and a score in No. 6 Miami's 36-14 win over Florida State on Saturday night — playing despite the fact that his father, Mark Fletcher Sr., died earlier in the week. Fletcher took a knee in the Hard Rock Stadium end zone after scoring, pointing to the sky. "Just a shout out to my dad, paying him respect," Fletcher said. "It's been a long time since he'd seen Hard Rock this packed. I know he would have loved this, this energy out here, all the seats was taken up. I know he would have loved it. So, I just did this for him." "Big Mark," as Fletcher's dad was known by everyone around the Miami program, was a regular visitor to practice. He would hold court in the stands at games, talking to anyone and everyone with a personality that Miami coach Mario Cristobal described as larger than life. "He's got the best seat in the house going forward, looking from above," Cristobal said. "I know he's super proud of Mark."

Fletcher was the only running back to touch the ball for Miami on that initial series, starting his night with a 13-yard rush on his first touch. His touchdown even had others on the Miami sideline pointing to the sky.

"This game was for him and his family," Miami quarterback Cam Ward said. "What he's going through outside of football, I don't wish on no man. He got the game ball, and he deserves it."

That game ball presentation came in the locker room afterward. There were other worthy performances — Ward threw for 208 yards, Damien Martinez rushed for 148 yards and two scores, and the defense held Florida State to 248 yards.

But teammates wanted the

night to belong to Fletcher. "It meant everything to me," Fletcher said. "It just shows the brotherhood we have. I just played a good game, and I'm not even the one who had all the greatest stats, but they just showed that to me, to show how much they supported me. I'm nothing but appreciative."

The Hurricanes are entering November unbeaten for the first time since 2017, are one of four unbeaten teams left in Atlantic Coast Conference games — Clemson is 5-0, Miami and SMU are 4-0 and Pitt is 3-0 — and play host to Duke this Saturday. It'll be another trying few days for Fletcher; services for his father are scheduled for later this week.

"I'm staying strong," Fletcher



Miami running back Mark Fletcher Jr., left, runs for a first down as Florida State defensive back K.J. Kirkland (24) defends during the first half of an NCAA college football game, Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024, in Miami Gardens, Fla. (AP Photo/Lynne Sladky)

said. "I know my dad wanted me to come out here and ball out for him. It's just extra

motivation. I love that man so much. He's going to be so missed. But I've got to keep

his legacy living on. I'm so happy I got his name. I'm so happy I got his name." □



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